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SUBJECT: IEA: COMMENTS ON GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND  
POSITION PAPER ON INDEXATION

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COMCOUNS., HLADIK COMMENTED THAT LAST WEEK'S GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IN PARIS WENT WELL. HE SAID HE HAD OBSERVED A DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SPOKESMAN FOR FRANCE AND OTHER DELEGATIONS AND THAT THE FRENCH APPEARED TO BE MORE POSITIVELY ATTUNED TOWARDS THE AGENCY. THE GOA, HE SAID, WOULD BE WATCHING WITH KEEN INTEREST THE SELECTION OF THE EIGHT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR THE MINISTERIAL AS WELL AS THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES WHO WILL BE SECONDED TO THE THREE COMMISSIONS. IN HIS VIEW COMMISSION DELEGATES SHOULD COME FROM THE COUNTRIES SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN MINISTERIAL.

2. AS FOR PAPER ON INDEXATION, HLADIK ELABORATED ON COMMENTS MADE BY SEKTIONSCHIEF DR. FRANK LAST WEEK (REFTEL). HE POINTED OUT THAT AUSTRIA WAS IN PRINCIPLE VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO INDEXATION AND ACCEPTS ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN DRAFT PAPER. FROM AN ECONOMIC VIEWPOINT, HLADIK CONTINUED, AUSTRIA HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO QUITE WELL IN CONTROLLING INFLATION AND DOES NOT WISH TO MAKE THIS TASK MORE DIFFICULT "THROUGH IMPORT OF INFLATION FROM THE OUTSIDE," WHICH LIKELY WOULD OCCUR IF INDEXATION WERE ACCEPTED BY RAW MATERIAL CONSUMERS. HOWEVER, FROM A POLITICAL VIEWPOINT GOA BELIEVES THAT DIALOGUE CANNOT GET OFF THE GROUND UNLESS CONSUMERS SHOW AT LEAST WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF INDEXATION WITH THE PRODUCERS. HLADIK COMMENTED THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL IN MODIFYING THE ATTITUDES OF HARDLINE PRODUCER COUNTRIES.

3. HLADIK SAID THAT DUE TO STAFF SHORTAGES AND NEED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO OBTAIN INTER-MINISTERIAL CLEARANCES, GOA WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO MAKE DETAILED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THE PAPER DURING AUGUST. BUCHANAN

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